Then heare me gracious ſoueraigne, and you peeres,
Which owe your liues, your faith and ſeruices
To this imperiall throne.
There is no bar to ſtay your highneſſe claime to *France*
But one, which they produce from *Faramount*,
No female ſhall ſucceed in ſalicke land,
Which ſalicke land the French vniuſtly gloze
To be the realme of *France*:
And *Faramont* the founder of this law and female barre:
Yet their owne writers faithfully affirme
That the land ſalicke lyes in *Germany*,
Betweene the flouds of *Sabeck* and of *Elme*,
Where *Charles* the fift hauing ſubdude the Saxons,
There left behind, and ſetled certaine French,
Who holding in diſdaine the Germaine women,
For ſome diſhoneſt maners of their liues,
Eſtabliſht there this lawe. To wit,
No female ſhall ſucceed in ſalicke land:
Which ſalicke land as I ſaid before,
Is at this time in *Germany* called *Meſene*:
Thus doth it well appeare the ſalicke lawe
Was not deuiſed for the realme of *France*,
Nor did the French poſſeſſe the ſalicke land,
Vntill 400. one and twentie yeares
After the function of king *Faramont*,
Godly ſuppoſed the founder of this lawe:
Hugh Capet alſo that vſurpt the crowne,
To fine his title with ſome ſhowe of truth,
When in pure truth it was corrupt and naught:
Conuaid himſelfe as heire to the Lady *Inger*,
Daughter to *Charles*, the foreſaid Duke of *Lorrain*,
So that as cleare as is the ſommers Sun,
King *Pippins* title and *Hugh Capets* claime,
King *Charles* his ſatisfaction all appeare,
To hold in right and title of the female:
So do the Lords of *France* vntil this day,
Howbeit they would hold vp this ſalick lawe